

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank Examiner Crouch for her time in the recent telephone interviews, during which proposals were discussed to allow the application. For the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and not to acquiesce to the Examiners' positions, Applicants have amended the claims in a manner believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Specifically, Applicants have cancelled claim 27 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on any cancelled subject matter. Though it is believed that this revision is not needed to comply with the written description and/or enablement requirements, Applicants have amended the claims in the manner discussed in the interview to expedite allowance.

Claims 9, 10, 13, 16-26 and 29-32 are pending upon entry of this amendment and should be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any proposals for expediting prosecution and allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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